


Emotion Regulation in Women with PTSD and Addiction

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Moreover PTSD is not only a risk factor for substance use but also a very poor prognostic factor for this disorder." - This statement would benefit from additional supporting citations, particularly recent studies that illustrate PTSD as a prognostic factor for substance use disorders (SUD).

The standard deviations for some groups are quite large, indicating high variability in responses. Discuss potential reasons for this variability and how it might affect the study's conclusions.

"However it should also be noted that the addicted women were serious substance users..." - Clarify what is meant by "serious substance users" and provide specific criteria or metrics used to define this group.

Provide a justification for the selection of the CERQ and discuss any limitations this tool might have in assessing emotion regulation in a clinical population.

"This finding is inconsistent with many previous studies." - Identify which studies are being referred to and discuss potential reasons for the inconsistency.

"A significant difference was observed between the two PTSD groups with addiction." - It would be beneficial to include post-hoc analysis results to clarify which specific groups differ and in what ways.



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1.2. *Reviewer 2*

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"The most well-known theory related to substance use and PTSD is Khantzian's self-medication hypothesis..." - Please include a more detailed description of the hypothesis for readers unfamiliar with Khantzian's work and provide recent evidence or studies that support this hypothesis.

The description of the sampling method lacks detail. Specify how convenience sampling was conducted, including any inclusion or exclusion criteria for selecting participants from treatment centers.

"This questionnaire was translated and used for the first time in Iran in this study." - More information on the translation process, including steps taken to ensure cultural validity and reliability of the translated version, is needed.

"Results of the analysis of variance showed no significant difference in the overall positive emotion regulation score between the addicted women and the normal women." - This result seems surprising and contradictory to previous research. Provide a more detailed discussion or potential explanations for this finding.

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2. Revised

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